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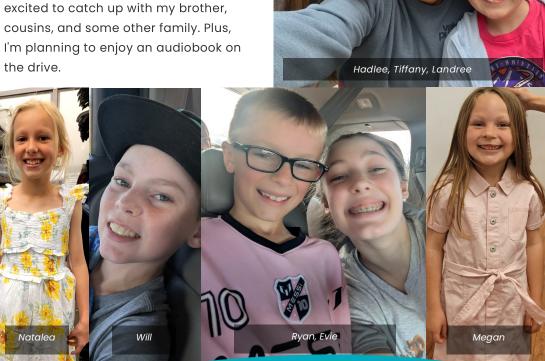
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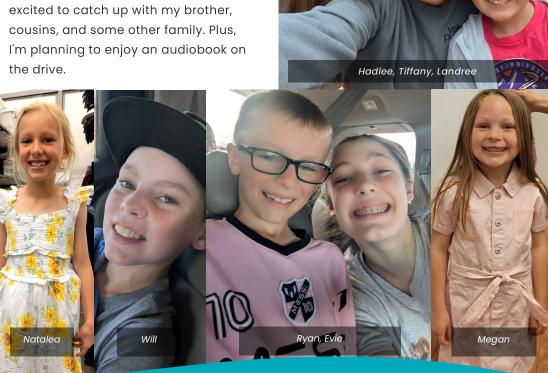
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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

Had a fun lunch with friends in March!

Anthony sold his steel guitar, but he's already got his eye on a new one. I'm heading to see my dad and stepmom for spring break. Super excited to catch up with my brother, cousins, and some other family. Plus,







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LILLIAN FRANKLIN

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



My name is Lillian Franklin. My family is my mommy Lynze, my daddy Michael, little brother James, and my dog Monty. I'm in the

first grade at Rosa Parks, and my favorite

subject is art. I also enjoy making things out of clay and playing with my friends.

Some of my favorites are: soccer, Dragon Girls book, Strawberry Shortcake show. I also love playing with Monty and my friend, Wendy.

I recently received recognition for my love of reading and art.

I love going to the beach in Florida and going on school field trips.

Her mom says, "She's always loved songs with piano as the main instrument and would constantly pretend play the music with her fingers. She'd ask for lessons since she could say piano! Her dream is to be able to play whatever song she wants because she knows how to do it! She hopes to create her own songs and music one day."

Lillian is always excited to see her friends at piano class, and she absolutely loves playing songs she knows. She never seems to get enough of them!





COMMUNITY Studio Happenings



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MADGEL MILLER APR 4 **BETHANY NIEMAN APR 14 REAGAN SHLONSKY APR 16 MAE ABORDO APR 18**

EMILY PAREDES MENDOZA

APR 24

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IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING BREAK APRIL7-13 PRACTICE COMPETITION **BEGINS APRIL 14 SPRING RECITAL MAY 12** PC PIZZA PARTY

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10TH ANNUAL PRACTICE COMPETITION

It all begins on your lesson day the week of April 14! Students have 3 weeks to crush a category and win a prize or qualify for a certificate and fun pizza party. All qualifying students will be recognized at the spring recital.

See the Practice Competition flyer for all the details!

Each year there are at least a few students who continue their outstanding practice habits long after the Practice Competition is over. It could be YOU this year!

SUMMER LESSONS @ DMS

Just a friendly reminder about summer lessons at DMS! Our lessons run on a 12-month schedule (August-July). While most of your 38 lessons are completed by May, June and July payments finalize the schedule. We find that keeping students engaged over the summer is really beneficial!

We know summer can be busy, so we offer fun group classes as an alternative or supplement to individual

lessons. This year, grade schoolers will enjoy Melody Makers, fun song-writing focused groups; and teens will also focus on composition with Summer Keys: Piano Composition Workshop. Details are below.

All school-aged students are required to register for your summer regular lessons, group classes, or a combination of both, regardless of grade level. Thank you!





Elementary students, get ready for "Melody Makers" this summer! We've got so many exciting things planned! Your student will receive a flyer this week with all the details. We'll be playing music games, exploring Piano Express, learning about famous composers, and even writing original songs together!

To join the fun, please register your elementary student for their summer lessons by April 30. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly dmsmelodymakers2025.





SUMMER KEYS: Calling all middle and high schoolers! This summer,

explore your inner composer at our Summer Keys: Piano Composition Workshop for Teens. We'll show you the tools and techniques to get started, and you'll discover how the Circle of Keys can spark your creativity. Compose, improvise, and create your own unique music!

Register today at <u>bit.ly/dmssummer2025teens</u> or scan the QR code.

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HAVE A CONFLICT WITH YOUR LESSON?

PX Students reschedule your lesson here: calendly.com/
danamartinstudio/px-reschedule.

Private Students contact Dana to schedule an online or video feedback lesson.



PRACTICE TIPS

Tools for effective practice every single time

Music. Make sure you have all your pieces out and ready to play. It's important to practice ALL assignments every time you practice, not just your favorites.

Theory book. Don't wait; do your theory assignment the first day you practice while it's fresh in your mind, plus there may be portions you need to practice daily. Remember, it's not always just a writing assignment.



with a metronome. Set your tempo at a slower speed and gradually increase tempo as needed. Playing with a metronome helps you play in rhythm and keeps you from speeding up or slowing down.



Pencil. Always have a pencil ready to mark your music and for theory assignments.



NOTE WORTHY



We're so proud of Olivia Russell! She stepped up to play piano for the Sunday morning worship service at Calvary Church of the Nazarene. It was wonderful to see her stretch herself and serve. Livie is excited to continue growing as a pianist and hopes for more opportunities to play at church.



Congratulations to Evie Carey! She placed second in the state-wide Assemblies of God District Fine Arts competition, her fifth year participating. You can hear her winning piece at next month's recital!



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A big round of applause for Gabe Bailey! He did a fantastic job accompanying The Lexington School's 6th grade chorus for "There Will Be Stars" and the combined 6th and 7th grade chorus for "Homeward Bound" at their concert with LCA on March 20.

Please send me the details and a picture of your recent achievement or special recognition to be featured in our newsletter!



MORE THAN A RECITAL

The DMS Spring Recital is more than a recital. It's a CELEBRATION of how far students have come this past year, and a must-attend event for all DMS students!

Students also receive recognition for completing the 30-Piece Challenge and their accomplishments in the Practice Competition!